

introduction of Catholicism. The Indian proclamation, however, also stated that the period of settlement "brought great suffering and pain" for both the Pueblo people and the colonizers.

This day of reconciliation in late April focused on forging stronger ties between Spain and the Indian pueblos, with the promise of educational, economic development and cultural opportunities.

As a follow-up to the promises of this historic reconciliation, hundreds of New Mexicans, are planning to go to Spain in November on a trade and cultural exchange mission.

The Spanish Vice President Alvarez-Cascos summarized the day in his remark that, "We are the sons of our past history, but we are also the fathers of our future." He said the two peoples "want to know each other better to build a new friendship."

A sacred buffalo dance was performed by Pueblo dancers with men wearing authentic buffalo headdresses. Hundreds of New Mexicans attended this outdoor event on the San Juan Pueblo Plaza in spite of the blustery weather. The spirit of unity and harmony was apparent to all who attended.

Thus the original site where Oñate met the Ohkay Owingeh Indians, Place of the Strong People, and renamed their home San Juan de los Caballeros (hence, the San Juan Indians), was also the sight of a powerful reconciliation meeting 400 years after Oñate proclaimed it the capitol of the Kingdom of New Mexico.

The Spanish delegation also visited the site of the future Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. As planned, this will be our nation's largest Hispanic cultural center.

To build this national and international cultural center, local public and private contributions have been raised, exceeding \$20 million. These funds will build an art gallery, museum, restaurant, ballroom, amphitheater, and literary arts center.

Federal money of about \$18 million will be used to match these local contributions and to build the planned Hispanic Performing Arts Center. Altogether, approximately \$40 million will be invested in this new cultural and educational attraction featuring the many aspects of Hispanic culture, history, and arts.

We New Mexicans are looking forward to this new showcase for Hispanic art, dance, music, food, and history. I feel a new pride among Hispanics of New Mexico as they prepare to offer this new treasure for the enjoyment of visitors from all over America and the world.

In master calendars of New Mexico events for the Cuarto Centenario, over 180 events are listed. These range in purpose from lectures and reenactments to cultural performances, and parades. Prominent New Mexico women in the arts, politics, and education will be featured in "Nuestra

Mujeras" (Our Women). The "Día de La Raza" (Day of Hispanics) will be a major event in October with events at the University of New Mexico, the new Albuquerque Civic Plaza, and the Albuquerque Museum. When moving events like these are attended and remembered, New Mexico and America will have a better sense of pride in its Spanish roots.

As our nation celebrates and acknowledges Hispanic Heritage Month in 1998, I wish to commend the thousands of New Mexicans who have worked so hard to bring their Spanish heritage to the forefront during the Cuarto Centenario—the 400th anniversary of the first permanent Spanish settlement in the Southwest. Americans can be grateful for these fine moments of remembrance, reconciliation, and cultural gems for creating a stronger future.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 892. An act to designate the Federal building located at 236 Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, Mississippi, as the "Aaron Henry Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 2508. An act to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in San Joaquin County, California, to the City of Tracy, California.

H.R. 3007. An act to establish the Commission on the Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development.

H.R. 3332. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, to require the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress on its activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4083. An Act to make available to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives the USIA television program "Window on America."

H.R. 4309. An act to provide a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 185. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recommitting the United States to the principles expressed in the Universal Declaration.

H. Con. Res. 224. Concurrent resolution urging international cooperation in recovering children abducted in the United States and taken to other countries.

H. Con. Res. 254. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of Cuba to extradite to the United States convicted felon Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the United States to avoid prosecution or confinement for criminal of-

fenses and who are currently living freely in Cuba.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2032. An act to designate the Federal building in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building."

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2206. An act to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the culpability of Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in the former Yugoslavia, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 115. Concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of copies of the publication entitled "The United States Capitol" as a Senate document.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 892. An act to designate the Federal building located at 236 Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, Mississippi, as the "Aaron Henry Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2508. An act to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in San Joaquin County, California, to the City of Tracy, California; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3332. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, to require the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress on its activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4083. An act to make available to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives the USIA television program "Window on America"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolutions were read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 185. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recommitting the United States to the principles expressed in the Universal Declaration; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 224. Concurrent resolution urging international cooperation in recovering children abducted in the United States and taken to other countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.